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LOCAL CLUB GAINS GROUND WHILE IDLE

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and Browns Brings First
Division in Sight.

CHICAGO IS HIT BY LOSS
OF SCHALK AND RUSSELL

Menoskey Not Likely to Join Team
for Some Time Owing to In-
jury to Acosta.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

While the Nationals were idle yesterday both St. Louis and New York suffered defeat, and if the Griffins can win the game scheduled with the White Sox there is a chance for them to climb up into the first division. Detroit seems to be going at a terrific pace just now, and with Shawkey out of the way it is not likely the Yankees will win any games from the Tigers, while the Browns appear to be all shot to pieces as far as their pitchers are concerned and they will be up against the Red Sox the next two days.

The Tigers now are only two points behind the Sox in the race, but the chances are they will not be able to pass the Red Sox even if they win all three games scheduled with the Yankees for the Cardinals team is scheduled for only two games with the Browns, then goes to Chicago for three games. With Schalk and Russell out of the game as the result of injuries received in yesterday's game with St. Louis, the White Sox are expected to slump, for Schalk is by far the best catcher Rowland has, Lapp not being in his class, and Russell will be sadly missed.

That Detroit made a valuable addition to its pitching staff when it purchased Howard Ehmke from the local club was proved yesterday, when Ehmke won his game from the Indians, losing them down to a few scattered hits and two runs, while the Tigers rolled up a total of ten.

If Ehmke comes through it will be the biggest sort of a boost for the Tigers, for all Jennings needs to give him a real chance in the present race is one more competent pitcher.

There is not a single instance where a major league team has ever been in a serious railroad strike, though every ball club travels thousands of miles during a season.

The accident the train on which the Nationals were going west encountered during the night did nothing but give the players some shaking up.

It is remarkable that no major league players ever have been killed or seriously injured while traveling.

There is little chance of Menoskey, the Minneapolis outfielder, joining the Griffins for some time yet. The agent to Merito Acosta at Columbus yesterday will force Cantillon to retain Menoskey for the rest of the season, in order to have a chance to win the pennant. It was on the Columbus playing field that Henri Rondau broke his leg a few days after he had joined the Griffins, but it is believed he will return to the team in uniform for the past week or so, in which event he will be a valuable asset to the team.

The Cleveland club has finally determined that Stanley Coveleski needs long rest, and has sent the pitcher, who for several months kept the team in the race, to his home for the remainder of the season. The young man was given his salary in full and will be back in the spring. Overwork during the entire month of June and illness which followed caused him to lose his effectiveness weeks ago.

John McGraw seems to have picked up a great deal of his old-time form, who is more than filling Merkle's shoes at first base for the Giants. Holke is not only a brilliant fielder of the position, but he is a clever hitter, and is a fast man on his feet. The youngster has done more to help the Giants in winning a lot of games of late.

Patsy Donovan's Buffalo team clinched the International League pennant yesterday by winning a game from Montreal. Joe Engel has had much to do with helping the Bisons winning the flag, for he has been one of Donovan's most consistent pitchers.

The Buffalo club is owned by Joe Lannin, owner of the Red Sox, and Joe Engel, who was turned out to that team, has been recalled by the Red Sox and will join them now that the pennant has been clinched by his team.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.					
	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	L.
Boston....	78	57	.578	581	573
Detroit....	80	59	.576	578	571
Chicago....	78	60	.565	568	561
New York..	71	65	.522	525	518
St. Louis..	72	67	.518	521	514
Wash'ton.	68	66	.507	511	504
Cleveland.	70	69	.504	507	500
Athletics..	30	104	.224	230	222

NATIONAL LEAGUE.					
	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	L.
Brooklyn...	78	54	.591	594	587
Phila'phia...	77	54	.588	591	584
Boston...	75	54	.581	585	577
New York...	67	62	.519	523	515
Pitts'burgh.	64	70	.477	481	474
Chicago...	61	76	.445	449	442
St. Louis...	59	79	.428	432	425
Cincinnati.	53	85	.384	389	381

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.				
Detroit, 4; New York, 1.				
Chicago, 9; St. Louis, 8.				
(Ten innings.)				
Cleveland, 8; Philadelphia, 4.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE.				
Pittsburgh, 6; Brooklyn, 3.				
Boston, 7; Chicago, 3.				
Boston, 11; Chicago, 6.				
New York, 3; Cincinnati, 0.				
New York, 6; Cincinnati, 4.				
Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 4.				

SCHEDULES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.				
	TODAY.	TOMORROW.		
Washington at Chicago.	Washington at Chicago.	Washington at Chicago.		
Phila. at Cleveland.	New York at Detroit.	Phila. at Cleveland.		
New York at Detroit.	Boston at St. Louis.	Phila. at Cleveland.		
Boston at St. Louis.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE.				
	TODAY.	TOMORROW.		
Cincinnati at New York.	Cincinnati at New York.	Cincinnati at New York.		
Chicago at Boston.	Chicago at Boston.	Chicago at Boston.		
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.	Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.	Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.		
St. Louis at Philadelphia.	St. Louis at Philadelphia.	St. Louis at Philadelphia.		

MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.				
St. Paul, 6; Toledo, 4.				
Columbus, 5; Minneapolis, 4.				
Kansas City, 2; Indianapolis, 1.				
Louisville, 8; Milwaukee, 1.				

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.				
Richmond, 10; Newark, 1.				
Buffalo, 7; Montreal, 5.				
Montreal, 12; Buffalo, 7.				
Rochester, 8; Toronto, 7.				
Rochester, 4; Toronto, 3.				
Others not scheduled.				

VIRGINIA LEAGUE.				
Newport News, 2; Portsmouth, 1.				
(Post-season series.)				

EASTERN LEAGUE.				
New London, 4; Newport, 3.				
Portland, 4; New Haven, 0.				
Springfield, 6; Worcester, 5.				

INTERLEAGUE SERIES.				
Nashville (Southern), 2; Charlotte (North Carolina), 0.				

CENTRAL LEAGUE TITLE SERIES.				
Dayton, 7; Springfield, 2.				

SOFT FOR NATIONALS

White Sox Lose Schalk and
Russell Through Injuries.

GRIFF EXPECTS VICTORIES

Harry Harper Slated to Work Today,
With Bert Gallia Held
in Reserve.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
CHICAGO, September 14.—The opening game of the final western tour will be played here this afternoon between the Nationals and the White Sox. Manager Griffith feels certain he will be able to pick up two easy victories from the Sox, because Ray Schalk is out of it with a bad finger as a result of an accident in yesterday's game. The White Sox are in bad shape and not playing a good game, so Griffith is looking for both of the games he has to play here to be victories.

One youngster reported to Griffith yesterday. Pitcher Thomas of Des Moines came into camp, but Menoskey, the Minneapolis outfielder, has not been heard from yet. Griffith wired for him to show up here, but he has not heard anything from the wire, and rather suspects that Menoskey is being held to help out the Millers in their final effort to win the American Association honor.

The train that pulled the Nationals into Chicago was the last of the season, so the players did not have a chance to see any of the game at the White Sox grounds. It was after 5 o'clock when the Nationals got to their hotel, and it was then too late to go to the ball field, although the Sox and Browns battled for an hour and a half after that, but the Washington men did not know that there was a terrific struggle on between the two teams.

The White Sox were badly crippled today with Ray Schalk out of commission in addition to Ray Schalk. Russell said into second base and turned his ankle, so that he will not be able to work for a week or ten days, and a foul tip caught Schalk on the end of the finger and tore the nail off, so he, also, will be out for two weeks.

Jack Lapp will do the catching for the Sox in the meantime, but Jack is not quite so deadly in his aim as Schalk, so the chances are good for a few stolen bases.

The White Sox are within a game and a half of the top of the list, but the Washington men are very confident that they will be able to pull them down a bit.

"We are playing the best ball of the season right now," said Manager Griffith when asked about the condition of his team. "Every man on the team is in great shape except Catcher Ainsmith, who is injured. We are all feeling very confident that we will beat the White Sox in both games here and will also prove to be a stumbling block to the Tigers when we face them."

The local fans are rooting hard for the Sox to land the flag and are turning out in large numbers every day. The Sox, though, have been working pretty hard for the last three or four days and it is a question if they can keep with it in reaching distance of the top very long.

The local pitchers have not been able to stop the Browns in the four-game series just ended, and Rowland has been using up three and four heaves every day. Yesterday's game was the worst of the year, as it took five Sox pitchers to finish the game and four of the Browns' men.

Griffith will likely send Harper to the

RED SOX LEAD TIGERS BY ONLY TWO POINTS

While the Red Sox were idle yesterday, the Tigers downed the Yankees and crept to within two points of the lead. The White Sox also gained ground, defeating the Browns in ten innings, and advanced within one and one-half games of the top. Detroit now has only fifteen games on the schedule, the White Sox sixteen and the Red Sox thirteen. Boston opens the final western series in St. Louis today.

The standing of the leaders:

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Boston	78	57	.578
Detroit	80	59	.576
Chicago	78	60	.565

slab to oppose the Sox in this afternoon's game. If Harper does not show up well enough in his warming up he will use Gallia. Rowland will be guessing as to his pitcher until he sees them at work out before the game. He used Faber yesterday, but Red nearly lost the game during the part of an inning that he was in so he may come right back with him today in hopes that he will show better with two wild tosses by Faber yesterday let in four of the St. Louis base runners.

WELSH WANTS \$15,000.

Johnny Kilbane Will Accept \$10,000 as His Share.

BALTIMORE, Md., September 14.—If some promoter in the country will hang up a purse of \$25,000 Johnny Kilbane, featherweight king, and Freddie Welsh, the lightweight titleholder, will meet in the ring.

In challenging Welsh after his victory over George Chaney, Kilbane declared he would fight Welsh for \$10,000. Welsh answered yesterday by saying he would take \$15,000 for his end, so it is now up to some fight promoter to step into the argument.

The willingness of Welsh was disclosed in the following dispatch from Denver, Col.:

"If Johnny Kilbane really wants a crack at Freddie Welsh over a championship distance he can have it for \$15,000." "Kilbane can have a twenty-round fight with Welsh under the same weight conditions as White fought him, 135 pounds at 9 o'clock on the day of the fight," said Harry Pollock, Welsh's manager, just before leaving Chicago. "The price for Welsh's end must be \$15,000."

Kilbane, who is in town meeting all corners at a local theater, feels confident he can go out of his class and give Welsh a battle. Johnny, who is built on the order of Red Fitzsimmons, with spindly legs that seem hardly strong enough to carry his splendid chest, will box Spike Webb this evening.

EXPRESSIVE LOU WINS.

Captures \$6,000 American Horse Breeders' Futurity.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., September 14.—Expressive Lou, Tommy Murphy's bay filly, won the \$6,000 American horse breeders' futurity, the feature of yesterday's grand circuit races, with ease. The Murphy entry led the field from start to finish in both heats, and crossed the line with plenty to spare.

The real contest developed in a triangular battle between Suidine, Lotta Watts and Bingen Silk. Lotta Watts finished second in the first heat, after a hard stretch duel with Suidine. Lotta Watts closing last in the last few yards to take fourth place.

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heat produced a stirring finish. Rounding the turn into the stretch, Suidine, Bingen Silk and Lotta Watts were almost on even terms, about a length behind the speeding Murphy entry. Within 200 yards of the finish Grayson whipped Suidine into second place.

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MISS BJURSTEDT IN FINAL.

Defeats Miss Taylor at Nyack.

Throckmorton Wins, Too.

NYACK, N. Y., September 14.—Miss Molla Bjurstedt advanced into the final round of the women's singles in the Nyack Country Club's lawn tennis tournament yesterday afternoon. The national champion defeated Miss Margaret Taylor in the semi-final round, 6-0, 6-1.

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Miss Bjurstedt will meet either Miss Edith Handy or Mrs. Homer Green for the trophy. Miss Handy defeated her fellow pilgrim from Staten Island, Miss Helen Fouch, 7-5, 6-1, while Mrs. Green defeated Mrs. Robert Le Roy, 6-2, 6-1. The consummate came with which Mrs. Green outplayed her rival came as a great surprise.

In the men's singles Harold A. Throckmorton, Abraham Bassford, Jr., and Charles Chambers advanced into

the semi-final round. In the fourth round Throckmorton defeated Earl Fink, 6-1, 7-5. Chambers had to go three sets to eliminate Kenneth Fisher, while Bassford defeated R. L. James.

The St. Louis Cardinals announce the purchase of first baseman Fred Smith from St. Paul, Smith, who formerly was with the Boston Braves, but was released because of failure to hit and then jumped to the Reds, has been proving a whale with the bat in the association this season.

KUMAGAE EASY VICTIM.

Loses to Walter Hayes in Straight Sets in Chicago Exhibition.

CHICAGO, September 14.—Kumagae and Mikami, Japanese tennis stars, were beaten in singles yesterday by Walter Hayes and Ralph Burdick of Chicago at the Kenmore courts. Hayes downed Kumagae, 7-5 and 6-4, and Burdick won over Mikami